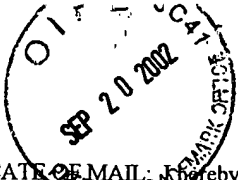


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**Docket No. 63033.803US01**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**In re Application of:**  
**Search123.com, Inc.**

**Serial No: 09/419,005**

**Filed: October 13, 1999**

**For: SEARCH ENGINE INTERFACE**

**Examining Atty: J. H. Hwang**  
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**TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

Box Response - Fee  
Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the outstanding Office Action dated March 14, 2002, Applicant encloses herewith the Response to Office Action, a Request for a Three-month Extension of Time, a copy of a Recordation Cover sheet for a Merger Agreement, and a Revocation and Power of Attorney. A check in the amount of \$478.00 is also enclosed to cover the fees for the additional two claims (\$18.00) and the extension of time (\$460.00).

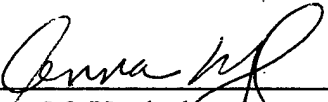
Under separate cover Applicant has filed for recordation a Merger Agreement and Plan of Reorganization by and among Search123.com, Inc., Search Acquisition Corp., Simpli.com, Inc. and Netzero, Inc. (copy of cover page, first page of Merger Agreement and signature page of Merger Agreement are enclosed). As such, Applicant encloses herewith a Revocation and Power of Attorney signed by James K. Beriker, President of Search123.com, Inc., the entity into which

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the original owner Simpli.com, Inc. has merged, for the above-referenced application. All future correspondence is to be forwarded to the undersigned at the address indicated.

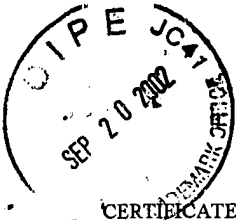
Respectfully submitted,

Date: 9/12/02

  
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 14, 2002, Applicant respectfully requests amendment of the application as follows:

**In the claims:**

Please amend claims 1, 10, 13, 15, 17 and 19-20 as follows:

1. (Amended) A process for aiding a user in developing a search request, comprising  
presenting to the user an interface for collecting from the user a keyphrase  
representative of a user search request,  
analyzing said user search request to identify at least one meaning associated with  
said user search request,  
processing said user search request and said at least one meaning to generate an  
expanded search request represented as a boolean search strategy, wherein the expanded search